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## MULE-POWER

When you were a little girl did you ever run away and cry because another little girl said nasty things, or if you were a little boy can you remember the time you sulked because father corrected you before strangers?

None of us can look back without memories of deep hurts and cruel scars, results of the magnificence of small injuries and many times no injuries at all. There is much real suffering in the world, aches and pains that eat into the body, but there is no beating in the world like the hurt it inflicts upon pride. No toothache or backache could ever equal the wretchedness produced by sensitiveness, for suffering can be as keen from fancy as from fact, often keener.

Dr. Frank Crane in the American Magazine says, "It is the exceptional character that has a dominant will. Only a few have extraordinary will power. But everybody has won't power. What it takes to quit is won't power, plain stubbornness, mule power. Use your mule power."

Human nature seems to like to say cruel things. But why be offended? People usually do not mean them, so try to forget them, and you will find that though they are persistent it is not difficult after practice to leave these annoying thoughts behind. After all, it is not what people say of you, but what you really are, that counts.

Another interesting thing which Dr. Crane points out is that sensitiveness is a blessing rather than a burden. It is lack of control that makes it a calamity. Those who are sensitive by nature are, in reality, super persons. Every great painter, master etcher, sculptor, architect, musician or other creator is delicately attuned to impressions. The same is true of masters and leaders in business. Sensitiveness is necessary to be a good mother, a good child, teacher, preacher, lawyer, or cook.

Sensitiveness is power but like all kinds of power it must be controlled. In order to exercise control Dr. Crane says, "Learn to think about what you choose, to dodge and refuse disagreeable thoughts, avoid self pity, do nothing to break down your self-respect, work hard at what interests you and play hard at what amuses you, refuse to be offended by what is said to or about you."

Reports say that 200,000 Mennonites have emigrated from Western Canada to Mexico to avoid taking war oaths. It does seem, though, as if Mexico were a queer place to go to avoid any thing pertaining to war.

## TAX-EXEMPT BONDS

It is indeed a difficult thing to obtain equal tax distribution. Men with comparatively small incomes bear the greater share of taxation, while those with larger incomes successfully evade their part of the burden.

The surtaxes, which had for their aim the equal distribution of the burden succeeded to some extent; but the profiteering to which those surtaxes gave excuse made up to the profiteer what he paid the government in extra taxes. The persons whom the surtaxes should have benefited lost, in profiteering prices, all they had saved in taxation.

A great factor in unequal tax distribution now is tax-exempt bonds. Men with large incomes have invested in these bonds and again have left the burden of

taxation on those with smaller incomes. Public improvement whether needed or not, has been encouraged so that these tax-exempt bonds could be made available for investment and tax-dodging. The natural result if this were continued, would be an extravagance in public expenditures. Another result equally as undesirable would be the diverting of needed money from business rehabilitation.

These tax-exempt securities can become a hindrance rather than an aid to progress. A more careful issuance of them might help equalize the tax burden, check reckless public expenditure and perhaps provide more money for business revival.

The Senate has refused the "Peace flag" idea. It's not the color or shape but the people behind it that make a flag stand for peace.

## THE CONFERENCE TO DATE

The Conference for the Limitation of Armaments at Washington is still in its infancy. The assembled nations have accepted "in principle" Mr. Hughes' plan for the limitation of armament, but desire a few reservations. England wishes the abolition of the long distance cruising submarines, and Japan insists upon a 10-10-7 naval plan with the United States and England instead of the 5-5-3 ratio planned by Secretary Hughes. England's reservation has been recognized as pertinent, but the Japanese claim for a 10 per cent increase over the original draft is opposed by the United States and England, and it is probable that the claim will be withdrawn.

France has asked exemption from the ten-year naval holiday on the ground that her navy should be as strong as that of Japan. This would place the four nations on a 5-5-3 ratio with the United States and England predominant. England has accepted the 5-3-3 plan proposed by Secretary Hughes and has astonished the world by ordering all work suspended on warships now under construction, and by closing her naval recruiting offices. At the same time construction continues on ships in American and Japanese shipyards. Only a satisfactory agreement regarding the Far East will stop the shipbuilding, is the decision of experts.

Premier Briand, France's spokesman at the Conference, has returned to France, pleased with progress of the Conference. France came to the Conference seeking a guarantee of future security against an attack by Germany. With England's promise of assistance to France in case of an aggressive attack by Germany and the promise of the "moral support" of the United States, France is temporarily satisfied. The limitation of land armaments of France depends upon further negotiations, which will probably take place at some future time, outside of the present Conference.

The greatest question of the Conference remains, as it has always been, that of China and the Far East. China has thrilled the world by asserting her claims in a clear and masterful manner. In return, the exterritorial rights in China, by which various powers maintain their own courts for the trial of their nationals, has been agreed upon "in principle" by the nine powers represented in the committees on the Pacific and the Far Eastern affairs.

The recognition and the preservation of the "Open Door" in China has been attested by the assembled nations, and any negotiations concerning China will be based on this policy.

As to the complete settlement of the outstanding questions regarding China and the Far East, it has been suggested that a conference for their settlement be held soon probably at Peking.

The chief factor in the success of the conference, thus far, has been the clear-cut presentation of the American plans. Diplomatic jockeying at once became out of the question. The foreign delegations were compelled to meet the American suggestions with answers as definite as the proposal, and the result was an immediate consideration of a concrete program.

Another factor which promises the success of the conference is the determination of the delegates to overlook the attempts of propagandists to array one faction against another. Premier Briand has attested to this fact when he remarked, regarding the Curzon speech, "One discordant note cannot destroy such a conference as the one in session now in Washington." The continuation of such a policy augurs well for the eventual success of the Conference.

## The Hague Peace Conferences

The closing years of the Nineteenth century witnessed the increase of armaments among the European nations. To abate this activity, Tsar Nicholas II of Russia, invited the nations of Europe to consider the question of disarmament. He truly declared that the increasing armaments and the expenses entailed threatened to destroy European civilization.

In 1898 the Tsar invited to a conference all governments with accredited representatives at the Imperial court. In response to the invitation twenty-six nations assembled in 1899 in what was known as the First Peace Conference at the Hague, the capital of the Netherlands, which was selected, as stated by the Russian Foreign Minister, because "His Imperial Majesty considered it advisable that the court should not meet in the capital of any of the great powers where so many political interests center which might impede the progress of the work in which all of the countries are equally interested."

At the conference the German representative declared that in his country the army was no burden, and that it was not possible to agree upon any scheme of reduction; but a permanent court of arbitration known as the Hague Tribunal, was established, to deal, at the request of the powers concerned, with differences which they had been unable to settle by diplomatic negotiation.

The foundation of the Hague Tribunal was one of the most important events which marked the close of the Nineteenth century and has been justly styled "the first Great Parliament of Man."

The work of the first peace conference can be summed up in three conventions

## MODERN MOTHER GOOSE

BOOK CHILDREN  
XV. Little Nell's Journey.

As they started out Nell asked her grandfather which way they should go, and as he seemed to depend on her she knew that from that day on she was to be the guide, and he was to follow her direction. You see he was old and very feeble, and he felt that the little girl would know better what to do.

They went slowly along the country roads after they had left London, and at times some kind traveler would pick them up and let them ride part of the way. And as they walked hand in hand they were very happy although they knew that they were poor and had few friends. Nell did not worry about what they would do for a living after their supply of money was gone, because she thought that she could beg if it were necessary. Somehow or other I like to think about this weak, old man and the frail little girl wandering about hand in hand, listening to the songs of birds and enjoying the beautiful fields as they passed.

At night they would often stop at a farm house and rest, and thus they traveled days and days. I would like to tell you about all the interesting people they met along the way and about the things that happened to them, but it would take too long. I will skip over all this and leave it for you to read for yourself when you get older.

But I will tell you about one cold day when the two travelers at last found a home. By this time little Nell was quite weak because they had traveled so long that her delicate health could no longer stand it. Her little shoes had worn out, and she had had to trudge along cutting her tender feet on the stones. At times she would walk a few steps behind her grandfather so that he would not see how she was suffering, and she never told him about her troubles for fear it would worry him.

A kind schoolmaster found their home for them. It was near where he lived, and it was not far away from an old church. The old man was to tend to the church, keeping it all clean and everything, and in return for this he was to receive enough money to make a living for himself and little Nell. The house where they lived was old and gloomy, but it did not make the little girl sad for she was so glad to have a place to stay. When visitors would come to the village she would show them about the church and her grandfather loved nothing better than to hear her sweet voice echoing through the empty building as she would show them around. Near the church was a graveyard, and the little girl would spend part of her time cleaning away the weeds and tending to the flowers which grew around the graves of little children.

Instead of getting stronger, however, she became more delicate than ever. All the people who came to church loved her, and she would gather the children about her and talk to them. One day they told her that some of their parents said that she was going to be an angel soon because she could not live much longer, and it made them oh, so very unhappy to think that their little playmate was going to leave them. Not long after this she died, and although it makes me sad to think that such a lovely child should die so soon, I cannot help but feel happy because she was so bright and beautiful, and because she was so brave and good.

(To be continued.)

## NEWS OF THE STATE

Missouri will receive approximately \$5,000,000 worth of surplus war material out of a total of \$150,000,000 of such material released this month to the various states by the War Department.

The Andrew County Red Cross chapter, in continuing its annual roll call campaign this week, will make every effort to reach the goal of \$20,000 by next Saturday night, in order that this drive

may be concluded before the sale of Christmas tuberculosis seals begins next Monday. The total amount subscribed Monday evening was approximately \$8,000.

The Northeast Missouri Press Association will hold its annual meeting at the Hotel Rodolph in St. Joseph December 9 and 10.

A reduction of 375 in the Missouri Pacific shops in Sedalia was ordered for December 1. This will affect only the coach workers.

J. M. Miles has been chosen New Madrid County farm agent to succeed H. C. Hensley.

## BETWEEN COLUMNS

The defeated pugilist looked up from the mat into the face of the referee and said, "What you say counts, don't it?"

"Spanish Reds Find Backing in Germany," we read. The Allies found backing—out.

Love thy neighbor as thy self, but not better than thy wife.

After much investigation the National Industrial Conference has found that there has been a great deal of confusion in handling of the family budget. Wonder if they think they are the first to discover that?

A "Pay-up Week" is being planned. That will cause serious inconvenience to some people unless the date set coincides with their customary time for paying bills.

Lem Spivens says that Hank Pickett is always unlucky and offers as a proof the awful fact that his birthday comes on Christmas.

An earthquake in Jamaica seems to be Mother Nature's idea of Jamaica ginger.

The Derby Race: two men chasing their hats.

We read that probably the largest animal in the world is the blue whale and that twelve men can stand in the mouth of one of these creatures. Why did twelve men risk their lives just to find out that fact—didn't they ever hear of what happened to Jonah?

MAYBE SHE SHOULD  
"To what school of art do you belong?"  
"I'm not interested in art," apologized Miss Newrich, "but I'm interested in reform. Would you say that I belong to the reform school?"

—THE WAYFARE.

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## IN FORMER DAYS

## Five Years Ago.

A poultry show was held November 27 to December 2 at the Coliseum in St. Louis under the auspices of the St. Louis Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association. A \$500 challenge trophy cup was offered on single-comb white leghorns. Also \$5,000 in cash prizes was offered for best fowls exhibited, as well as a number of special awards.

Boone County Teachers' Association met in Columbia December 1 to 9 in the Agricultural Building to discuss school problems, and laws affecting the schools.

## Ten Years Ago.

The seventeenth annual state conference for social welfare was held in Columbia. Three hundred and fifty attended the three-day session. The proposed Children's Code was discussed. Care of the feeble minded, reforms, rural sociology and the care of the families of prisoners were among the problems considered. The speakers were University professors and leading social workers from over the state.

The University High School defeated Moberly High School by a 12 to 0 score. The Columbia Kewpies lost to Kirksville; 12 to 0.

Colonel Frederick D. Gardner's official plurality in the gubernatorial race was 2,263. The vote as shown by official returns from all parts of the state was Gardner, 382,355, Lamm, 380,092.

## Twenty-Five Years Ago.

The twenty-third annual convention of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union was held in St. Louis with the greatest attendance of any convention previously held by this organization. Forty-five states were represented. There were 950 delegates and officers. Resolutions were adopted to the effect that while the association recognized the right of women to make commentaries on the Bible, it regretted that the name "Woman's Bible" had been given to any volume, and disclaimed any connection whatever of their society or of the national president with this work.

## Fifty Years Ago.

The north Missouri railroad started from the City of St. Louis and traversed the northern portion of the state, running along the northern border of the country, and on into Iowa; another branch of the same road left the main line at Moberly and ran to Kansas City, there connecting with the great lines running west. A branch road built by Boone County connected the county seat, Columbia, with the north Missouri rail-

road at Centralia, there being two trains each way. There was a good prospect for the extension of this branch further west to Booneville, there to connect with a branch of the Missouri-Pacific railroad which ran from St. Louis to Kansas City. The distance from St. Louis to Columbia by rail was 140 miles. The Missouri River and Louisiana railroad was under construction. It started at Louisiana in Pike County, and when completed was to run through Fayette, Glasgow, Marshall, Lexington, etc. The road was finished and in operation between Louisiana and Mexico. In Boone County the grading was complete and track laying was to begin the first of the year.

A real Christmas present for a real book lover. "The Outline of History" by H. G. Wells. Price \$5.00 at the Missouri Store.—Adv.

Put a new fixture in and see how it improves the looks of your room. John L. Platt Electric Shop, 17 South Ninth St., Phone 829.—Adv.

Kelly-Springfield 30x3 1/2 Kant-Slip Tires at \$14.95.—Missouri Motor Company.—Adv.

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"ALL FOR ONE, ONE FOR ALL"

## TOMORROW BEGINS THE GREATEST FURNITURE SALE IN COLUMBIA'S HISTORY

BEGINNING at 8 o'clock in the morning and lasting until Saturday night, December 10, our entire stock will be on sale at prices that have not been heard of since 1916. Every article in our stock has been marked down to present day levels and our sale reductions are from these extra low prices. Every article in the store will be reduced from 25 to 50 per cent. Sale prices are for strictly cash. Goods charged will be sold at regular prices.

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